(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of the above.

**Impact of Import of Vitrified Tiles on domestic Industry**

2303. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of increase import of vitrified tiles into India, especially from China, at low prices thereby hurting the local industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain producers in other countries have been exempted from the anti-dumping duty imposed by Government on vitrified tiles;

(c) if so, whether Government are aware that such exemption is hurting the domestic industry; and

(d) whether Government propose to impose Safeguard Duty, *suo moto*, on vitrified tiles so as to save the domestic industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) According to the information provided by the Directorate General of Safeguards they had received representations from M/s. Gujarat Ceramic Floor Tiles Manufacturers Association and M/s. India Council of Ceramic Tiles & Sanitary Ware containing brief requests for imposition of safeguard duty on vitrified tiles in 2004. These Association were requested to file proper application alongwith sufficient information. So far the Associations have not furnished any response to the Directorate General of Safeguards.

The Directorate General of anti-dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) had received an application from M/s. H.R. Johnson India Ltd. Maharashtra and others alleging dumping of vitrified porcelain tiles from People's Republic of china and UAE. The DGAD initiated anti-dumping investigation in the case *vide* notification dated 6.8.2001. Definitive anti-dumping duty was levied in the range of US$ 0.74 to US$ 8.28 per sq. meter by the Government *vide* customs notification dated 1.5.2003.

On the basis of an application filed by M/s. Nanhai Shangyuan Oualin Construction Ceramic Ltd., China PR, a new shipper review was initiated *vide* notification dated 23.5.2003. It was observed that exports by

M/s. Nanhai Shangyuan Oualin Construction Ceramic Ltd., Guangdong was above the normal value during the period of investigation and as such no duty was imposed by the Government on imports of vitrified Porcelain tiles from M/s. Nanhai Shangyuan Oualin Construction Ceramic Ltd., China PR. No other exporter has so far been exempted from the said anti-dumping duty.

(d) According to the Directorate General of Safeguards, there is no such proposal under their consideration at present.

**Funds for development of industries in Punjab**

2304. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government for development of industries in Punjab during the Tenth Plan, district-wise;

(b) the amount released and utilized by Punjab so far; and

(c) the target fixed and achievements made, so far in respect of growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Government has formulated an Industrial Infrastructural Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) with a view to enhance international competitiveness of the domestic industry by providing quality infrastructure through public-private partnership in selected functional clusters/locations which have greater potential to become globally competitive. Under this Scheme, Textile Cluster Ludhiana District Ludhiana has been approved and Rs. 4.21 crore has been release to this Cluster during the Tenth Plan period so far.

The allocation of funds is made scheme-wise, and not State/District-wise. The implementing agency for this Cluster has so far incurred Rs. 0.58 lakh. Since the projects under this Scheme have long gestation period, the utilization of funds is generally slow. However, the Government is committed for early development of projects and timely release of assistance under the scheme.

Further under the Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE), Scheme, funds are provided for the developing for infrastructure for exports. The details of funds